

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2327
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2001
CHITUDIH MINE ACCIDENT UNDER BCCL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a): whether another incident of mine accident took place in Chitudih mine under the BCCL a week after the mine disaster that took place in Bagdigi;
- (b): if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c): whether none of the top BCCL officers turned up to Chitudih Mine and there was no sign of rescue work for several hours;
- (d): if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e): the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

- (a): On 9-2-2001 at about 12.00 hours an accident occurred in Katras Chitudih Colliery of BCCL, resulting in death of 1 miner.
- (b): Preliminary enquiry has indicated that the cause of accident was inundation from a gallery of the same mine.
- (c): General Manager and other senior officers of the area including GM(Safety) and 2 Deputy Chief Mining Engineers(Safety) from Koyla Bhawan and DGMS officials rushed to the site immediately for making an on the spot assessment of the situation and rescue and recovery work started immediately.
- (d) & (e): Does not arise in view of reply to (c) above.